

Senate File 206 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the creation of a medical error task force.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAL ERROR TASK FORCE.

2 1. The department of health and human services shall
3 convene a task force to review medical error rates of licensed
4 physicians in this state and shall make recommendations to the
5 general assembly and the director of health and human services
6 including recommendations that address options for reducing
7 medical error rates, improvements in education and training
8 to minimize medical errors, and whether applicable penalties
9 for medical errors and physician licensure review measures are
10 sufficient.

11 2. a. The task force shall include all of the following
12 voting members:

13 (1) The director of health and human services, or the
14 director's designee.

15 (2) The director of inspections and appeals, or the
16 director's designee.

17 (3) The executive director of the board of medicine.

18 (4) The ombudsman.

19 (5) A representative of the Iowa medical society.

20 (6) A representative of the board of regents affiliated with
21 the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics.

22 (7) The commissioner of insurance, or the commissioner's
23 designee.

24 (8) The attorney general, or the attorney general's
25 designee.

26 b. The task force shall also include four members of the
27 general assembly serving as ex officio, nonvoting members, one
28 representative to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
29 representatives, one representative to be appointed by the
30 minority leader of the house of representatives, one senator to
31 be appointed by the president of the senate after consultation
32 with the majority leader of the senate, and one senator to be
33 appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

34 c. The director of health and human services, or the
35 director's designee, may add members to the task force as

1 necessary to complete the work of the task force.

2 3. The department of health and human services shall provide
3 administrative support to the task force. The director of
4 health and human services, or the director's designee, shall
5 serve as chairperson of the task force, and shall schedule
6 meetings of the task force as necessary to complete the work
7 of the task force.

8 4. The task force shall dissolve upon submission of the
9 report to the general assembly and the director of health and
10 human services, but no later than January 8, 2024.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill directs the department of health and human
15 services (HHS) to convene a task force to review medical
16 error rates of licensed physicians in this state and to make
17 recommendations to the general assembly and the director of HHS
18 including recommendations that address options for reducing
19 medical error rates, improvements in education and training
20 to minimize medical errors, and whether applicable penalties
21 for medical errors and physician licensure review measures are
22 sufficient.

23 The bill specifies the membership of the task force,
24 authorizes the director of HHS to add members as necessary to
25 complete the work of the task force, and directs HHS to provide
26 administrative support to the task force. The director of HHS
27 or the director's designee shall serve as chairperson of the
28 task force and schedule meetings as necessary to complete the
29 work of the task force.

30 The task force shall dissolve upon submission of the report
31 to the general assembly and the director of HHS no later than
32 January 8, 2024.